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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1723"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Kensaku KOMATSU, et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1723
SERIAL NO.: 09/884,084 :
FILED: JUNE 20, 2001 : EXAMINER: FORTUNA, ANA M.
FOR: POROUS HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANES AND METHOD OF MAKING THE
SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Supplemental to the response filed February 24, 2003, please reconsider the
application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows.

6. (Twice Amended) A method of making a porous hollow fiber membrane,
comprising:

forming said hollow fiber membrane according to a dry-wet spinning method or a wet
spinning method while using the following components:

- a spinning dope containing a base polymer as a material for forming said
porous hollow fiber membrane,
- an additive for facilitating a phase separation of said spinning dope,
- a solvent compatible with both, said base polymer and said additive, and
- a mass of microparticles insoluble in said solvent, wherein said microparticles

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